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MATTI LINKO ET AL	)	Examiner:	
Int'l. Appln. No. PCT/FI98/00370	)	METHOD FOR THE MATURATION OF BEER	
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 October 29, 1999

**Box PCT Application** Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

## IN THE ABSTRACT:

Cancel the Abstract presently in the application and substitute therefor the Abstract attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before the first line of text, insert the heading ---BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION---

Page 4, between lines 14 and 15, insert the heading --- SUMMARY OF THE **INVENTION---**

Page 4, between lines 30 and 31, insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION---